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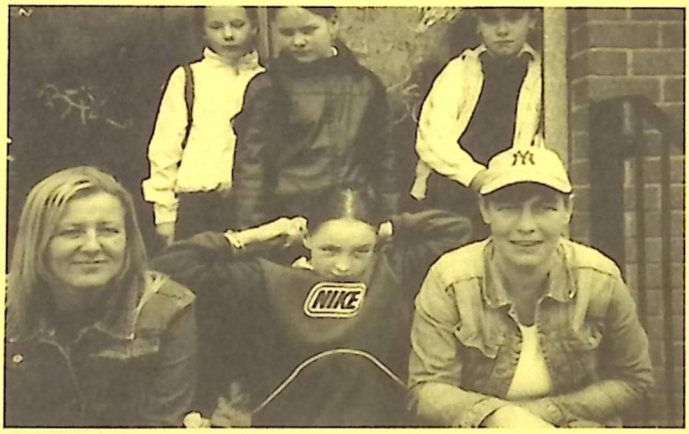

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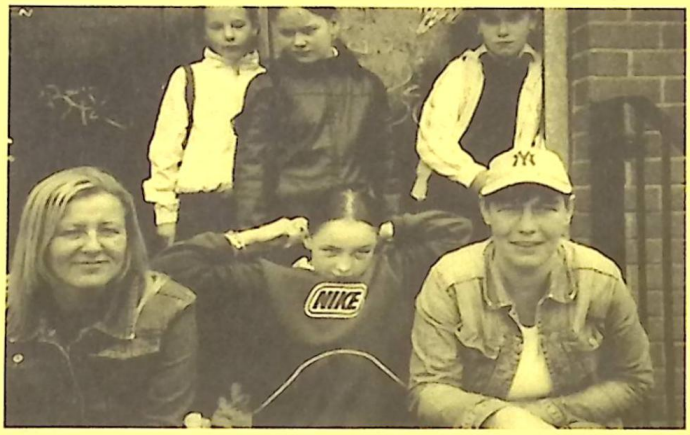

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We don't see the Youth Wing closure as a defeat, but as the dawning of a new era in the scheme. The fight for the Youth Wing brought people together in a way that has never existed in Penilee before; it pumped new life into the **Drug Prevention Group** and raised the expectations of many of Penilee's inhabitants.

Schemes R Us !

More and more often, you'll see Scotland's Housing Schemes being referred to in the papers and on the news as crime ridden "Estates".

Maybe it's just the occasional ill informed English journalist or indeed a Scottish journalist from the suburbs who "doesn't quite get it". Maybe it's to undermine the little bit of collective identity we have left (people without roots and a sense of themselves are easier to manage!) But to be honest with you I think there may be a hidden agenda lurking in the political shadows...

After the housing stock transfer goes through and local authorities wash their hands of the responsibility of housing people, don't be surprised if the media is awash with the politicians of the day slapping each other on the back declaring how they have "eradicated poverty and bad housing" by doing away with the schemes as we know them.

Of course Scotland's schemes are in a bad way, some worse than others, but will shifting responsibility, changing the name and throwing a bit of roughcast about really lift people out of poverty?

There are big social and political changes going on in society as we have more and more of the American "dog eat dog" way of life forced upon us. We seem to be no more than pawns on the chess board.

Well maybe we should flip the board, level the playing field, and declare draughts the new game of the people!

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